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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC.

I needed an alternative to AT&T. When a business such as theirs doesn't have any competition they tend to forget how customers need to be treated fairly and to not have a giant such as AT&T raising rates whenever they choose. I also didn't want my information to end up in surveillance files anywhere.

I got rid of ATT&T as a phone provider and switched to Sonic in 2015. They were able to give me phone service and internet service. They always have someone who answers the phone without a complicated series of holds and transfers. They work on the problem then and there until it is fixed. I look forward to their fiber optic installation.

I urge you to support broadband competition. Deregulation doesn't work. We have seen that over and over.

Thank you

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